

UniFire

August 2020

Services Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

*We celebrate community and
promote spirituality,
justice, responsibility,
and compassion.*

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How to 'ZOOM' to UUCY Sunday Services and Activities!

Anyone with a computer, tablet, smart phone or regular phone can join for free (except with regular phone you won't see everyone, but you can hear and speak.)

In order to maintain the security and sanctity of our online meetings, the 'Zoom' links will only be available via our Weekly Update email. If you are not already on our email list, please contact Genevieve at admin@uucyakima.org and she will be happy to help.

Sunday, August 2nd: No Sunday Services

Sunday, August 9th:

Sunday Services on Zoom

Does a country's national anthem reveal what is important about that nation? If so, what does the Star Spangled Banner say about America? Who chose this particular song, and why? Does it represent what we want to say in the 21st century? These questions and more will be explored in a presentation by UUCY member Rosemary Saul.

Sunday, August 16th: No Sunday Services

Sunday, August 23rd:

Sunday Services on Zoom

This talk, presented by UUCY member Andrew Whitmont, delves further into the theological foundations of our liberal religion. Given that liberal religious truth and understanding are open ended and inclusive, what about behavior and choice? Why are we not coerced by a hierarchy of church officials and rules of moral conduct?

Sunday, August 30th: No Sunday Services

UUCY President's Report

Greetings friends!

We've had plenty to talk about recently, particularly the ongoing discussion of what to do with our building. In a week or so we'll know the results of the vote, and we'll either proceed with marketing the building, or we'll put the matter to rest for the time being.

Then it will be time to talk about a couple of other big issues we face:

First: When do we want to begin "re-opening" from the pandemic, and what will that look like? The way things are going in Yakima, resuming regular indoor "live" church services will probably not be possible till sometime in 2021. The same is true for all the other activities we have had to suspend during the pandemic. But, there are alternatives that we could consider – like having Sunday services (and perhaps other activities) held outdoors in September and October. Many of us would love the opportunity to meet with each other in person, even under the constrictions of social distancing.

Second: When do we want to begin a ministerial search? The survey we conducted a few months ago indicated a clear preference for hiring another part-time minister, rather than continue as a lay-led congregation indefinitely. We haven't yet begun a search, partly because of the difficulties of doing so while the pandemic rages, and partly because it seems presumptuous to hire a minister while we can't even hold services. But some of you may want to proceed ASAP.

The Board will, of course, be examining these issues in detail, but we'd also like to hear what other people think. If you want to share your thoughts, give me a call, text or email. (These days I've got plenty of time to talk!)

In faith,
Bill

*Bill Jacobs is the President of the UUCY Board of Trustees for 2020-2021, and can be reached for discussion and comments at any time.
Reach out to the office for his contact information.*

UUCY NEWS AND EVENTS

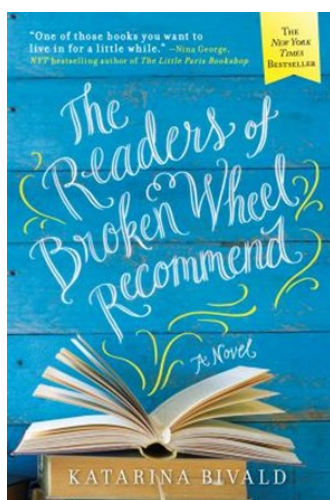
UUCY Book Club Reads On

Our July Book Club participants enjoyed lively exchanges of impressions, opinions and information about *The Overstory* by Richard Powers. Despite the Zoom format, our community of readers enjoyed the stimulating and entertaining camaraderie.

Our September 8, 2020 selection, *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald, offers a heartwarming story in which books play a role in changing lives.

Sara lives a quiet, ordinary, dependable life in Sweden as a bookstore clerk, which is fitting since she much prefers to experience stories in books than real life. But her job ends and with an uncharacteristic impulse to “do something” for once in her life, Sara travels to a very small town in Iowa to visit Amy her book-loving pen pal.

She does not realize Amy had been ill, and Sara arrives just after the funeral. But the town’s quirky residents each in their own way take her under their wings.



Sara taps a spunky streak that helps her find ways to change not only her own story but the life of the entire town.

While the depiction of the town and its residents may be a bit exaggerated, anyone who has experienced small-town life will find familiar elements. Plus, I laughed out loud nearly every time I ventured into the town of Broken Wheel. (If you don’t find a copy through the library or bookstore, I have one you can borrow.)

Watch for the weekly update in early September for the link to connect to Zoom to join and enjoy our next time together.

Join the UU Quilting and Crafting Group for Virtual Show & Tell!

Virtual UUQG carries on, with a different Zoom link than previous meetings!

Watch your Weekly Update email for the Zoom link prior to the meeting, and they look forward to seeing you there!

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 22nd

‘ZOOM’ To UUCY Wednesday Coffee!

YES, Wednesday morning coffee is still on, you’ll just have to provide your own beverage and chair! Join via Zoom– the link is in every Weekly Update, and all are welcome to join.

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